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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of MÉLANIE CHOPART, ISABELLE CASTIEL and JEAN-THIERRY SIMONNET for RECONSTRUCTED EPIDERMIS/SKIN EQUIVALENT COMPRISING A CERAMIDE 7 AND/OR 5.5 AND LIPID LAMELLAR VESICULAR COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING CERAMIDE 7 AND/OR 5.5. COMPOUNDS.

- Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure 1 for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.
- Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: L'ORÉAL, S.A., 14, rue Royale, 75008 Paris, France.

Also enclosed are:

- 2 sheet(s) of drawings;
- a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to 03/01058 filed in FRANCE on JANUARY 30, 2003 and 03/01059 filed in FRANCE on JANUARY 30, 2003;
- in the declaration;
- certified copies of the priority documents;
- a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- an Assignment document;
- an Information Disclosure Statement;
- a patent application data sheet; and
- Other: French Search Report issued in French Priority counterparts, PTO Form 1449 and References
- An executed unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
- also is enclosed will follow.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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| | NO. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$770.00 (1001) |
| Total Claims | 47 | MINUS 20 = | 27 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | \$486.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | MINUS 3 = | 3 | × \$86.00 (1201) = | \$258.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203) | | | | | -0- |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$1,514.00 |
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| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | \$1,514.00 |

This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$ 1,514.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

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